

T-798
Otis Hubbard House
Unionville
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: OTIS HUBBARD HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-798

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-798

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DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common OTIS HUBBARD HOUSE

2. Location

street & number West side of Unionville Road (MD 370) ___ not for publication

city, town Unionville ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<u>x</u> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational <u>x</u> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Otis and Cecilia Hubbard

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Unionville state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 291

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 151

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Otis Hubbard house stands on the west side of Unionville Road (MD 370) in the small village of Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1900, this two-story, three-bay frame house is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of asphalt shingles. The medium pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished with a boxed cornice in front and slightly extended eaves on the gable ends. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking sash windows. The front door is partially glazed. Sheltering the first floor is a shed roof porch supported on turned posts with small brackets in the corners. The second floor is illuminated from the east by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows.

The north gable end is marked by an off-center sash window on each floor, while an interior end brick chimney rises through the roof. The eaves are slightly extended beyond the gable end and are finished with returns at the base. Another single-flue brick chimney stack rises through the south gable end.

The west (rear) elevation is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay kitchen wing, which is extended to the south by a shed roofed porch. Another interior end brick stack rises through the gable end of the wing.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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OTIS HUBBARD HOUSE
Unionville, Maryland
Chain of title

291/151 John C. North, assignee

to

4/13/1951 Otis Oliver Hubbard
Cecilia Virginia Hubbard

\$1395.00 defaulted mortgage of Sophie
and Edward Johnson to the Eastern National
Bank of Maryland, 12/9/1931 227/468

adjoins the James Skinner lot being one
half the southern half of the lot of ground
which was leased to Charles Skinner by
Ezekial Cowgill for thirty years from
January 1, 1867 duly enrolled STH 74/166

STH 74/166 Ezekial Cowgill
Lease

to

12/28/1867 Charles Skinner
part of "Lombardy"

\$1 on the first day of each and every
month



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OTIS HUBBARD HOUSE

Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland

Northeast elevation

6/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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